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the following amendments to the specification and claims, additions are indicated by "___" and deletions are indicated within " [ ]."

Specification

Page 1, lines 4-7 of the Disclosure has been amended as follows.

This Application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/003,732 entitled "AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF IMAGE INFORMATION BETWEEN IMAGING DEVICE AND HOST SYSTEM," filed on January 7, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to the field of imaging. More particularly, this invention relates to transferring image information between an imaging device and a host system.

CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 15-18 are newly added..

1 [1.   (Canceled) A method of transferring image information between an imaging
2 device and a host system, the method comprising the steps of:
3   (a) detecting that the imaging device is connected to the host system; and
4   (b) transferring one or more images between the imaging device and the host
5 system in response to the step (a).]

1 [2.   (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises sensing
2 that the imaging device is connected to a port of the host system.]

1 [3.   (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises sensing
2 that the imaging device is connected to a USB port of the host system.]

1   [4.   (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises sensing

2   that the imaging device is connected to a 1394 port of the host system.]

1   [5.   (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the steps (a) and (b) further comprise

2   the steps of:

3   (a) detecting that a camera is connected to the host system; and

4   (b) transferring one or more images between the camera and the host system in

5   response to the step (a).]

1   [6.   (Canceled) The method of claim 5, wherein the step (b) further comprises the

2   step of:

3   (b) transferring one or more images between the camera and a host personal

4   computer system in response to the step (a).]

1   [7.   (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises the

2   step of:

3   (b) transferring one or more images between the imaging device and a host

4   personal computer system in response to the step (a).]

1   [8.   (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further comprises the

2   step of:

3   (b) initiating an application program running on the host system in response to the

4   step (a).]

1   [9.   (Canceled) A system comprising:

2   a processor;

3   a storage medium storing instructions which when executed by the processor

4   cause the processor to perform the steps of:

5   (a) detecting that an imaging device is connected to the system; and

6   (b) transferring one or more images between the imaging device and the system in

7   response to the step (a).]

1   [10. (Canceled) The system of claim 9, wherein the storage medium stores

2   instructions which when executed by the processor cause the processor to perform the step of:

3   (c) initiating an application program running on the host system in response to the

4   step (a).]

1   [11. (Canceled) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of

2   instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the steps of:

3   (a) detecting that an imaging device is connected to a host system; and

4   (b) automatically transferring one or more images between the imaging device

5   and the host system in response to the step (a).]

1   [12. (Canceled) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein step (b) further

2   comprises of:

3   (b) initiating an application program running on the host system in response to the

4   step (a).]

1   [13. (Canceled) A method of transferring image information from a camera to a

2   personal computer, the method comprising the steps of:

3   (a) detecting that the camera is connected to the personal computer;

4   (b) loading a camera driver in response to the step (a);

5   (c) signaling an operating system that the camera is connected to the personal

6   computer; and

7   (d) transferring the image information from the camera to the personal computer.]

1   [14. (Canceled) The method of claim 13, wherein the step (d) of transferring image

2   information further comprises the step of:

3   (d) initiating an application program for transferring the image information from

4   the camera to the personal computer.]

1   15.   (New) A method for transferring image information between an imaging device

2   and a host system, said method comprising:

3   the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system;

4   in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically requesting image

5   information transfer from the imaging device; and

6   in response to the request, said image information is transferred from the imaging

7   device to the host system.

1   16.   (New) The method as set forth in claim 15, wherein the host system detects the

2   coupling of the image device if the imaging device is connected to a port of the host system.

1   17.   (New) A system to receive image information from an imaging device

2   comprising:

3   a processor;

4   an input port; and

5   a detection circuit, said detection circuit detecting the coupling of the imaging device to

6   the input port, and wherein said processor automatically requesting the image information to be

7   transferred from the imaging device in response to detecting the coupling of the image device to

8   the input port by the detection circuit.

1   18.   (New) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when

2   executed by a processing system to perform an operation of transferring image information

3   between a host system and an imaging device, the operation comprising:

4   the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system;

5   in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically requesting image

6   information from the imaging device; and

7   in response to the request, said image information is received from the imaging device

8   to the host system.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on May 24, 2001. Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 15-18 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been introduced by new claims 15-18.
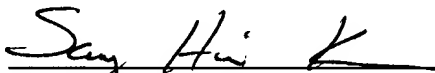
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